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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SALVADORAN ACTIVITY ALONG BORDER

1. FOR THE THIRD TIME IN RECENT WEEKS, THE CHIEF OF THE OAS OBSERVER MISSION HAS COMMUNICATED TO OAS SECRETARIAT HIS CONCERN OVER ROAD-BUILDING ACTIVITY BY EL SALVADOR ALONG THE BORDER WITH HONDURAS. THE OBSERVER CHIEF IS ANXIOUS OVER POSSIBILITY THAT THIS SALVADORAN ACTIVITY IN A DISPUTED AREA MIGHT SPARK RENEWED CLASHES WITH HONDURAS. HE NOW PROPOSES TO COME TO WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS MATTER. THE SECRETARIAT IS RELUCTANT TO HOLD SUCH A DISCUSSION. IT HAS BEEN TRANSMITTING THE OBSERVER CHIEF'S EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN TO SEVILLA-SACASA AT WHOSE DISCRETION THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MIGHT BE CONVOKED. (A FEW WEEKS AGO, HE CHOSE NOT TO CONVOKE THE COMMITTEE ON THIS SAME QUESTION.)

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2. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANY KNOWLEDGE YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE ACTIVITY AND AN ASSESSMENT OF ITS POSSIBLE IMPACT. WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN WHETHER GOES OR GOH HAS MADE MENTION OF THE ROAD-BUILDING IN QUESTION. (ANY REFERENCES TO THE SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCREET SINCE THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONFIDENTTALLY PROVIDED THE INFORMATION FROM OAS CHANNELS.)

3. OBVIOUSLY, WE DO NOT WISH TO CREATE PROBLEMS THAT
MAY NOT EXIST OR UNNECESSARILY ENLARGE A MINOR MATTER
THROUGH OUR INQUIRIES. HOWEVER, PAST EVENTS HAVE
DEMONSTRATED THE TENUOUS NATURE OF THE BORDER TRUCE
EVEN IN THE BEST OF TIMES AND HOW LITTLE IT TAKES TO
JEOPARDIZE PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF THE BORDER
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